



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Akio KOBAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1632

Application No.: 10/041,633

Examiner: Valarie Bertoglio

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For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING CELLS

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OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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